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Pursuing past of ol' Rawsonville

Liz and Will Dixon look over old Rawson family photos in living room

(Editor's note: Information for this text came from "Water Under the Bridge, A History of Van Buren Township" by Cathy Horste and Diane Wilson.)

During the mid-1800s, this town was a bustling hub of commerce in western Wayne and eastern Washtenaw counties. It boasted a fine inn, three saloons, 150 homes, a school, church, several mills, a variety of businesses and once even bid to have the University of Michigan located there.

If you were to try and find this town now you would be out of luck. Ninety-eight percent of the town is under water and has been that way for a long time.

Settled in 1825 by Henry Snow as a center of commerce along the Huron River, the village of Rawsonville grew to be an important part of southeastern Michigan history.

Rawsonville was named after Amariah Rawson in 1839. Rawson became the town's first justice of the peace, and postmaster.

The town prospered until railroads were built which bypassed the area centering commerce at Ypsilanti and Belleville.

The decline of business in Rawsonville can be linked directly to the railroads. Without a center of commerce, buildings began to deteriorate and by 1930 there were no businesses remaining.

When the Huron River was dammed in 1925 at French Landing six miles downstream from Rawsonville, the backwater of Belleville Lake covered much of what was left of the village.

All that remains of the once thriving community is a few old homes, the former Good Templer's Social Hall and the school.

For the Dixon children — Elizabeth, 15, Will, 13, and Jamie, 9, the history of the area lives on. The family lives in the old Templer's Hall at 2315 Rawsonville Road.

They are the children of James and Wendy Dixon and the seventh generation of descendants from the pioneer Rawson.

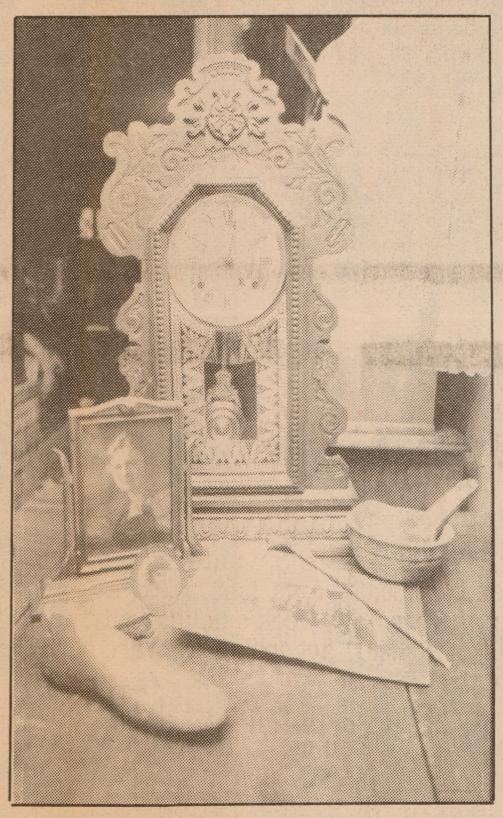
The Dixons have compiled a great deal of family history dating back to the earliest settlers.

The importance of the area's historic significance is being pursued by the Belleville Junior Study Club which began work in 1981 to preserve the area and have it marked with a state historic marker.

Last month, the village of Rawsonville was listed on the state register of historic sites.

Elizabeth and Jerome Rawson, son of Amariah Rawson, with daughter Adeline Fifield

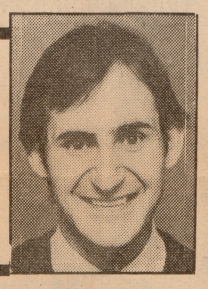
Rawsonville as seen in 1895



Artifacts in the Dixon home

What's left of Rawsonville now

Photo Story
By
Dennis Dunleavy



Dear Abby

Mom needs to try to like mom-in-law

DEAR ABBY: I'm engaged to marry a wonderful man. We're both 22. His mother and I get along fantastically. I call her "Mom." She says that I am the "daughter" she's always wanted but never had.

"Mom" asked if she could come along with my mother and me and help pick out my bridal gown. Seeing no reason why she shouldn't, I told her I'd love to have her.

Well, I told my mother, and she said she thought it was totally rude of my future mother-in-law to include herself. Then she said if "Mom" wants to help pick out my wedding gown, she should pay for half of it.

Abby, I've already told "Mom" she could come along, and it would break her heart if I had to tell her I changed my mind. How should this be handled without making my own mother look bad?

IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR IN: Tell your mother that you've already made your future mother-in-law welcome, and there is no way you can exclude her now without causing hard feelings.

Be patient with your mother. She could be jealous of the woman with whom she must now share her daughter. Tell your mother that you want yours to be a happy, lasting marriage, and one of the most essential ingredients is a loving relationship with your husband's mother.

DEAR ABBY: This is for "Worried Sick," who said her kids didn't need seat belts because she was covered by prayer — and if anything happened to them it would be "God's will."

I'm reminded of the story about a man named John who was caught in a flood. As the water rose to the level of his porch, a man came along in a boat to rescue him, but John refused to leave. He said, "No, I will stay here; the Lord will provide."

The waters kept rising until John was sitting on the roof of his house. Another boat came along, but John refused to budge. Again he said, "No, thank you. The Lord will provide."

Finally, the waters rose even higher, and John was forced to sit on top of his chimney! A helicopter came by to rescue him, and once again he said, "I'm staying here. The Lord will provide."

The water continued to rise, and eventually John drowned. As he entered the pearly gates, John said to St. Peter, "All my life I was a devout Christian. I prayed to the Lord and kept the faith. Why then did the Lord not save me?"

St. Peter replied, "My son, he sent two boats and a helicopter. What more did you want?"

Moral: If we are provided with safety devices and the intelligence to use them, we should not depend on the Lord to save us.

SARANAC LAKE, N.Y.

(Problems? You'll feel better if you get them off your chest. For a personal reply, write to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, CA 90038. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

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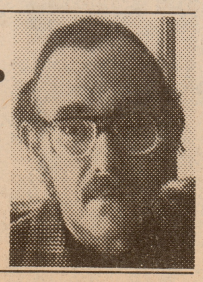


Astrology

Monday's forecast

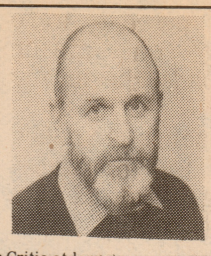
ARIES (March 21-April 19): You receive definite information concerning construction, home, basic security and long-term plan. Family is involved, ability to make revisions is highlighted and you'll successfully conclude transaction. Scorpio plays key role.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emphasis on communication, movement, ability to put valid suggestions in writing. Individual who taught you in past makes reappearance and is available for consultation. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius persons figure prominently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Domestic adjustment takes place and could include serious discussion involving possible change of residence. Focus on investments, payments, collections and

Hackman bogged down i

Bernard Decker



(Ypsilanti Press Critic-at-large)

UNCOMMON VALOR is, unfortunately, a common movie.

One expects more from the R-rated film, now at the Fox Village Theater, if only because it stars Gene Hackman.

Hackman is a fine actor, as he has demonstrated in film after film. He won an Academy Award for his performance in "The French Connection," but my favorite was his role in the film "Scarecrow," in which he played a hobo to Al Pacino's psychopath.

However, in recent years Hackman has been bogged down in more than a few potboilers. **UNCOMMON VALOR** is one of them.

It is "Mission: Impossible" regurgitated.

Hackman plays Col. Jason Rhodes, a ramrod-straight and tough retired Marine colonel. For more than 10 years, since 1972, he has been pursuing the elusive ghost of his son, one of the 2,000 MIA's (Missing-in-Actions) from the Vietnam War.

At last Rhodes has evidence of where his son is being held: a prison camp in northern Laos.

He gathers together the remnants of his son's outfit to go bring him out.

They are the usual ragtag lot: Wilkes (Fred Ward), the silent, skillful murderer who still has nightmares of being trapped in a tunnel during the Vietnam War; Sailor (Randall (Tex) Cobb), the muscleman whose brains have been fried by the overuse of various pharmaceuticals; Blaster (Reb Brown), the munitions expert; Charts (Tim Thomerson), the burned out copter pilot; and Curtis Johnson (Harold Sylvester), another copter pilot and the film's token black.

Also joining the operation is Kevin Scott (Patrick Swayze). He is the obligatory outsider, disliked by all until...the revelation! He then becomes beloved by all.

Col. Rhodes' operation is bankrolled by a rich Texas oil man, MacGregor (Robert Stack), whose son is also believed to be in the prison camp.

The audience is taken,

Movies

WASHTENAW COUNTY

ANN ARBOR THEATER 1-2, 210 S. Fifth Ave, Ann Arbor.

Theater 1 — Lonely Hearts Monday through Thursday, 1, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.; today 1, 2:50, 5, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.

Theater 2 — **Terms of Endearment:** Monday through Thursday, 1, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; today 1, 3:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

CAMPUS, 1214 S. University, Ann Arbor; 668-6416.

Scarface: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7 and 10 p.m.; today and Wednesday, 1, 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

CLINTON, 130 Michigan, Clinton; 517-456-4315.

All The Right Moves: today 7:30 p.m.

FOX VILLAGE QUAD, 325 N. Maple, Ann Arbor; 769-1300.

Return Of The Jedi: 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7 and 9:20 p.m. daily.

Hot Dog, 12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. daily.

Uncommon Valor: 12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m. daily.

Christine: 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m. daily.

MOVIES, Briarwood, Ann Arbor; 769-8780.

The Big Chill: daily except today, 10 a.m., 12:25, 2:35, 4:45, 7:30 and 10 p.m.; today, 12:25, 2:45, 4:45, 7:30 and 10 p.m.

Christmas Story: daily except today, 10 a.m., 12:25, 2:35, 4:45, 7:30 and 10 p.m.; today, 12:25, 2:45, 4:45, 7:30 and 10 p.m.

Two of a Kind: daily except today, 10 a.m., 12:25, 2:35, 4:45, 7:30 and 10 p.m.; today, 12:25, 2:45, 4:45, 7:30 and 10 p.m.

The Smurfs and the Magic Flute: daily except today, 10:30 a.m, noon and 3 p.m.; today, noon and 3 p.m.

The Man Who Loved Women: daily except today, 10 a.m., 12:25, 2:35, 4:45, 7:30 and 10 p.m.; today, 12:25, 2:45, 4:45, 7:30 and 10 p.m.

Gorky Park: daily except today, 10 a.m., 12:15, 2:35, 4:30, 7:15, and 9:50 p.m.; today, 12:15, 2:35, 4:30, 7:15 and 9:50.

Yentl: daily except today, 10 a.m., 1, 4, 7 and 9:45 p.m.; today: 1, 4, 7 and 9:50 p.m.

Silkwood: daily except today, 10 a.m., 1, 4, 7, and 9:45 p.m.; today, 1, 4, 7 and 9:50 p.m.

STATE 1, 2, 3, 4, 231 S. State, Ann Arbor; 662-6264.

Sudden Impact: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7:10 and 9:25 p.m.; today and Wednesday, 1, 3, 5:05, 7:10 and 9:25.

To Be Or Not To Be: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.; today and Wednesday, 1, 3:05, 5:10 and 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.

Risky Business: (upper level) Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7:20 and 9:40 p.m.; today and Wednesday, 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20 and 9:40 p.m.

Educating Rita: (upper level) Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7:15 and 9:35 p.m.; today and Wednesday, 1, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15 and 9:35 p.m.

WAYSIDE, 3020 Washtenaw, Ypsilanti; 434-1782.

Walt Disney's The Rescuers and Mickey's Christmas Carol: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 7 and 9 p.m.; today and Wednesday, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m.

WAYNE COUNTY

ALGIERS DRIVE-IN, 7300 Wayne, Westland; 422-8810.

Algiers 1 — double feature, **Sudden Impact** and **Road Warriors:** today through Thursday.

Algiers 2 — double feature, **Hot Dog** and **Hercules:** today through Thursday. Box office opens at 6 p.m.

LA PARISIEN, 29217 Ford, Garden City; 421-0210.

Parisien 1 — D.C. Cab: today 1:50, 3:45, 5:40, 7:40 and 9:40; Monday through Thursday, 7:15 and 9:10 p.m.

Parisien 2 — Two Of A Kind: today 1:40, 3:30, 5:20, 7:20 and 9:15 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 7:30 and 9:15 p.m.

PENN, 760 Penniman, Plymouth; 453-6530.

A Christmas Story: daily except today, 7 and 9 p.m.; today 3, 5, 7 and 9 p.m.

QUO VADIS, 7420 Wayne, Westland; 425-7700.

Scarface: today, 12:50, 4, 7, and 9:55 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 7 and 9:55 p.m.

Christine: today, 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 7:25 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Terms of Endearment: today 1:20, 4:15, 7 and 9:25; Monday through Thursday, 7 and 9:25 p.m.

Uncommon Valor: today 1, 3:05, 5:15, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.

Hot Dog: today, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:25 and 9:20 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 7:15 and 9:05 p.m.

STATE-WAYNE 1-2, 35310 Michigan, Wayne; 721-8200.

State 1 — Return Of The Jedi: Monday through Thursday, 7:15 and 9:40 p.m.; today 2, 4:30, 7:15 and 9:45 p.m.; **State 2 — Walt Disney's The Rescuers and Mickey's Christmas Carol:** Monday through Thursday, 7:30 and 9:15 p.m.; today 2, 3:50, 5:40, 7:30 and 9:15 p.m.

WAYNE DRIVE-IN 1, 2, 3,

Streak of pessimism needed to make good dummy player

By B. JAY AND STEVE BECKER

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠83
♡AJ
◇AKQ8763
♣J4

WEST	EAST
♠AJ54	♠1062
♡108753	♡K94
◇—	◇J1052
♣K752	♣Q98

SOUTH
♠KQ97
♡Q62
◇94
♣A1063

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
3◇	Pass	3NT	

Opening lead — five of hearts.

To be a good dummy assumption. On the contrary, he views each deal, even when he is playing a seemingly easy contract, as though the fates had conspired against him to bring on his defeat.

He takes precautionary measures, if they are available, to deal with an unkind fate. They take the form of safety plays, endplays of all types, deception, and any other means that may suggest themselves.

Take this hand, for example. West led a heart and East won with the king and returned a heart. Declarer played the ace of diamonds and discovered East had been dealt all four missing diamonds. The seven probable diamond tricks had suddenly shrunk to defeat me?"

And, having thought of the matter, he would realize that only a 4-0 diamond distribution could jeopardize the contract. And he would then lead a low diamond from dummy at trick three — not the ace.

He would deliberately take a 30-point loss at trick three in order to protect himself against the 800-point loss he could incur if the diamonds proved to be divided 4-0.

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